her dominions. Bhavanager State has also fallen in line. The Bombay Government has accepted to introduce Prohibition within 20 years. The sister State of Travancore is not lagging behind. The Diwan of Travancore, in his address to the Assembly this year, says that the Government has accepted the suggestion that a reduction of 5 per cent in the number of both abkari and toddy shops should be reduced and has done so at the beginning of the currect official year. Note what he further says : "It is also worthy of note that the consumption of country liquor in the country has been reduced by nearly 52 per cent during the last four years." The policy of our State should also be to introduce Prohibition within the shortest possible time.

Jails.—

Reformation is one of the main objects of punishment. In an answer given yesterday, it is stated that no definite arrangements have been made for imparting moral instruction to the inmates of jails. This is quite unsatisfactory and disappointing.

Sanitation.—

The amount budgetted for 1101 for General Sanitation Works is only Rs. 19,000, whereas the amount for 1100 was Rs. 55,350. I wonder why the amount for General Sanitation, which is a very important subject, was so much reduced. The drastic retrenchment made with regard to this item is very regrettable. The Government should see its way to increase this amount. More money than what is allotted now is, everywhere, undoubtedly required. To give one instanc—for carrying on the immediate improvements required with regard to Kunnamkulam Town Improvement, more than what is budgetted is required.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

Mr. President—Sir, After the learned discourse of several of the hon'ble members on the subject of the coming year's budget, I am glad to submit that I have only very few remarks to make. Sir, even at the inception of this Legislative Council, when its members are thoroughly unacquainted with the business to be transacted in such an institution, a budget is presented to them with a deficit of a lakh and thirty thousand rupees. I think the members have every reason to congratulate themselves that they have an

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